

HCS HB 485 -- PLACEMENT OF A CHILD AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA

SPONSOR: Hicks

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 13 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 485.

This bill prevents placement of a child in an adoptive, foster, or guardian's home to be denied or delayed due to use of medical marijuana or working in the industry in any capacity.

This bill is similar to HB 1740 (2020) and HB 567 (2021).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill prevents children from being removed from homes due to their prospective parents' medical conditions. The bill also allows for more stability in children's lives.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hicks; Missouri Medical Cannabis Association (Mocanntrade); and Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie Dienoff, who provided written testimony.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.